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Dear Ken,

My name is Todd Perman and I am in charge of all operations for Skye Timber Corporation. We are a small logging company out of Washougal, WA and most of our clients are small woodland owners ranging from 2 acres to 100 acres.

I just wanted to send you a note thanking you for the excellent presentation you put on Monday the 26th in Olympia. That was the second time I have seen your presentation and I can honestly say that I enjoyed it and walked away (both times) learning something new from you about habitat and WRT's. As you know, our industry is based on how much money the landowner is going to make and how fast we can get the job done. I have been amazed at when I present your knowledge of leaving habitat trees and material, to private landowners, they listen and understand, and most cases agree to leave extra material standing as well as downed trees. For example, on a job we just recently finished, we left a lot of WRT's in the buffers and noticed an area that had a pileated woodpecker working in an area of the unit that was to be logged. I went to the landowner and told him I felt we should leave the area along and harvest in the fall after the woodpeckers had raised their young. He agreed. We got to see the woodpeckers hatch and even had the young birds watch us log around them for a couple of weeks. Envision this.....the young birds would look out the hole and literally watch us go by when we were skidding and loading logs. After the birds had left, the landowner asked me if I thought we should go ahead and cut that small stand of trees or leave them for future use, and we both agreed that it would be interesting to see what used the WRTs next. (we will keep you informed)

So from one logger who thinks you're doing a great job, pat yourself on the back and keep teaching those classes.

I also want to thank you for the wood duck box I received at the class. I am going to get it put up before spring and see if we can entice the ducks to use it.

I closing I am sending you information so that if you are ever in Washougal you will call me and I can show you some of the ways that we are implementing your lessons and knowledge.

Also, I don't know who your supervisor is, but please pass this letter on to him/her. I think it is important that he/she knows that the work you do is not a waste of time, and that you are appreciated. Thank you again, and keep up the good work.